

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 493

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jimmie Newsom German of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jimmie Newsom German of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie German was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 4, 1943, in Somerville, Jimmie Newsom German was the son of Thomas German and Virginia Roberson German; he graduated from Fayette County High School in 1961 and received his degree in architectural drafting from William R. Moore School of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. German drew many house plans for homes in Fayette County and was an employee of the Highway Department, the Department of Revenue, and Morris Lumber Company before running for public office; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Jimmie German won election to the office of Circuit Court Clerk for Fayette County, a position his father had held for twenty-seven years and in which position Mr. German served for the next thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. German was accredited as a Certified Public Administrator by the County Technical Assistance Service of the University of Tennessee; he was a former president and active member of the County Officials of Tennessee State Court Clerk Association of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Somerville, where he sang in the choir and was the baritone singer of the New Gospel Heralds Quartet; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie German was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. German enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife of thirty-seven years, Dianne Young Smith German; he was the proud father of Gregory Alan German, Amanda Zahina, Jennifer (James) Sewell, and Thomas (Amanda) Smith, Jr.; the doting grandfather of Adam Sewell, Zachary Smith, Caleb (Samantha) Smith, Abigail (Chase) Kleber, Ariel (Jeff) Frazier, Hannah Sewell, and Noah Sewell; and the beloved great-grandfather of five great-grandsons; and

WHEREAS, he will be mourned but fondly remembered by his sister, Lillie (Donald) Fletcher; his brothers, Reverend Walter German, Reverend Thomas German (Betty), Jr., Carlton (Sue) German, and Jerry (Suzette) German; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie German leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jimmie Newsom German, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. German.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.